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REPORT

OF

CATTLE SANITARY BOARD

For the Year Ending
November 30, 1902.

REPORT.

Hon. Miguel A. Otero, Governor, Santa Fe, New Mexico:

DEAR SIR: In compliance with your request, I have the honor to submit the following report of the condition of the cattle industry in New Mexico during the year ending November 30, 1902.

No severe weather visited this section during the winter of 1901 and 1902 and cattle were carried through in good condition. Spring opened with feed fairly good on the range, that a strong demand for stock to replace those taking from the range during the drouth of the season before was confidently expected, but it was otherwise ordered. The summer rains were very light and what did come came too late in the northern half of the territory to allow enough grass to grow and cure to carry all the cattle through the coming winter. In the southern half, though late, they were abundant and made feed good and plentiful for all their needs, though the cattle were somewhat late in putting on flesh enough to make them attractive to buyers. The conditions in the north compelled the removal of about one-half of the stock from the range to have feed enough to carry the balance through the winter. They have experienced great difficulty in so doing for the want of transportation.

The increasing demand for our cattle from California as indicated in my former reports has more than realized the expectations then entertained and many more than have already gone in that direction might have been disposed of if the transportation facilities had been sufficient to handle them, and with more satisfactory results than have been obtained during the greater part of the present season in the congested markets of the east.

The calf crop was about normal as reported from 60 to 70 per cent. and under the conditions were well grown. The health of our cattle has been good. Early in the season a few

cases of black leg among calves that were held about milk pens were reported, but there was nothing like an epidemic. Another case which has given the board lots of trouble was that of a cow found in the Guadalupe Pass, coming out of Mexico into the range of the Victoria Land and Cattle Company in southwestern Grant county, New Mexico, and bearing their brand upon whose body an inspector for the bureau of animal industry found fever ticks (Boophilius Annulatus), who at once reported the same to his department. This office was notified by the secretary of agriculture and instructed to at once quarantine that district and take measures to stamp out the infection. This was at once taken up and a competent veterinarian has been for months in the field making a thorough investigation of the cattle as they are rounded up, even to combing the animals with a fine toothed comb for seed ticks. He reports that he has found none and he believes that none will be found this season, but says that the section may again be infected from the same source unless the passes leading through the mountains into the lower altitude of New Mexico where ticks are known to exist, are fenced up—permission for this to be done was obtained through this office from the department of the interior in August, but no arrangements have yet been effected to carry it out, the board not having funds for the purpose.

It has lately been found necessary to put on line riders along the Texas border to keep out the owners who wander about with small bunches of ticky cattle and claim to be looking for a place to locate, following no regular trail and giving no notice of their coming. Some six or eight herds of this character have been stopped at Pecos and El Paso, Texas, in the last few days. These people show permits to go anywhere purporting to be issued by Texas inspectors and justices of the peace.

Up to date the board has realized from the levy asked for in 1901 of one and one-half mills in addition to the one-half mill provided by law, four thousand two hundred seventy-four and 30-100 (4,274.30) dollars, and from all other sources of revenue six thousand and six and 90-100 ($6,006.90) dollars and in order to be able to carry on the duties by law imposed upon them were compelled to borrow to the limit allowed by law. It does not

seem possible to pay off this indebtedness during this year from the resources at their command.

The number of cattle actually enumerated in this Territory for the census of 1900 was 996,790 head. Adding the increase since then at the normal ratio and deducting all that have been removed from the Territory since then and allowing a fair percentage for loss by death, there should be, exclusive of this year's calf crop, over 1,250,000 in the Territory subject to taxation. Estimating them at ten dollars per head, the levy of two mills on the assessed valuation should produce $25,000. So far, not one-fifth of that amount has been collected and the necessary expenses caused by the tick proposition has been so great that they are obliged to report themselves in debt.

To November 30th, of the present year, 131,422 cattle and 14,380 hides have been inspected and removed from the Territory and during the same period 10,377 cattle have been brought in.

Since the meeting of the Legislature have been changed from December to January, respectfully suggest that the ending of the fiscal year be also changed from November 30th, to December 31st, of each year.

The financial statement and the personel of the Board and its officers are hereto annexed, all of which is respectfully submitted.

East Las Vegas, New Mexico, November 30, 1902.

J. A. LaRue,
Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO NOVEMBER 30, 1902.

To balance on hand January 1, 1902		$1,161 86
To cash for inspection of cattle and herds		5,222 29
To cash for inspection of horses		116 14
Cash received from sale of strays		473 00
Cash received from sale of brand books		194 90
Cash received from Cattle Indemnity fund,	January	818 04
" " " " " "	February	272 38
" " " " " "	March	90 00
" " " " " "	April	43 51
" " " " " "	May	56 59
" " " " " "	June	1,956 64
" " " " " "	July	493 33

Cash received from Cattle Indemnity fund,	August	262 19
" " " " " "	September	54 25
" " " " " "	October	74 21
" " " " " "	November	133 16
San Miguel Bank		5,000 00
		$16,422 49
By cash paid for inspections		$12,221 25
By cash, advertising, stationery		205 55
By cash, secretary		916 63
By cash, expense of members		375 00
By cash, veterinarian		229 85
By cash, electric lights		12 00
By cash, Colorado Telephone		43 00
By cash, Western Union		68 08
By cash, Record Publishing Co		50 00
By cash, office rent		275 00
By cash, Live Stock Sanitary Boards		10 00
By cash, strays		290 50
By cash, legal expenses		262 60
By cash, brand book		904 00
Cash and cash items in drawer & bank		559 03
		$16,422 49

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W. C. Barnes .....
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